Engine for LCA

4434. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LCA has been designed around the GE-404 engine as the indigenous GTX engine is still under development and its final clearance is uncertain; and

(b) if so, what is the actual position of the case?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The indigenous Kaveri engine is the designated power plant for the LCA. GE-404 engine is an interim option to test the LCA airframe with a proven engine.

(b) Does not arise.

US objection on Falcon Airborne Radar System

4435. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has put on hold its negotiations to sell the Falcon Airborne Radar Systems due to objection from the US Government who fears that it would lead to an escalation of tension in the area; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Chief of Defence Staff

4436. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to